

State of Michigan
State Board of Education

RESOLUTION

**NATIONAL TEACHER DAY
MAY 7, 2002**

WHEREAS, throughout Michigan and across the country, teachers open children's minds to the magic of ideas, knowledge, and dreams; and

WHEREAS, teachers keep American democracy alive by laying the foundation for good citizenship, and their hard work and efforts are directly responsible for creating the leaders of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, teachers fill many roles, as listeners, explorers, role models, motivators, and mentors; and

WHEREAS, teachers continue to influence us long after our school days are only memories; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education has continually supported teachers with several quality initiatives, including the Milken National Educator Award and the Michigan Teacher of the Year Program; and

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education, through its Task Force for Ensuring Excellent Educators, recognizes the need to elevate the profile of the teaching profession; and

WHEREAS, the National Education Association has declared Tuesday, May 7, 2002, as National Teacher Day; and

WHEREAS, the goal of National Teacher Day is to raise national and local awareness of the importance of teaching in our society, a profession which touches the lives of millions of American children; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Michigan State Board of Education supports the National Teacher Day initiative, and encourages local school districts and community leaders to appropriately recognize that teachers are vital to the very fabric of our society.

Kathleen N. Straus, President



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Thomas D. Watkins, Jr., Chairman